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## TRAVELER'S COMPANION

GREAT INTERIOR.

GUIDE

### ROAD TO CALIFORNIA,

BY THE

SOUTH PASS

ROCKY MOUNTAINS,

AND

SUBLETT'S AND HEADPATH'S CUT OFFS;

BEING A MUCH BETTER AND NEARER ROAD THAN THE ONE FORMERLY TRAVELED BY THE

EMIGRANTS.

ONTAINING A CORRECT DESCRIPTION OF THE ROAD, WITH THE DISTANCES
BY ACTUAL MEASUREMENT, EXTERING CALIFORNIA BY CROSSING THE
GREAT SIERRA NEVADA,

HEADWATERS OF THE YUBA RIVER.

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### INTRODUCTION.

Traveler, are you bound for California?— Are you going across the Plains? Then let me have your attention for one moment.

I would not ask yon even while we comnune together, to forget those loved ones yon leave behind. Although your wife and children accompany you, still, you leave those whose "good bye" will thrill your heart like an electric touch, and the uncertainty of your meeting again will moisten your cheeks with the soft dews of friendship's twilight.

Young man, have you just left your early home? Strive not to quench the sentiments of purity you there received, from those who loved and cherished you in your infancy, and who now with anxious hope look upon your

departure into the great world.

I would say to all, cherish the endearing memory of Parents, Children, Brothers, Sisters, Friends and Home. It will give your spirits a lofty tone, inspire your bosoms with noble self-sacrificing thoughts, and ingraft into your nature the independent principle of acting only for the right. With these sen-

timents fixed as an inherent quality of the mind, you will bless the land you look upon as your home—at least for a time.

Now I would impress upon your mind, before you leave our western frontier—the boundary of civilization—the unremitting toil you must endure, the many hardships you must encounter, and the dangers that will constantly assail you on your long adventurous journey.

Many wide and deep rivers, desert plains, and bleak ranges of mountains cross your path. Many rude and savage nations have their homes along your road, and in their inhuman sport, may attack your camp at midnight. Sickness, in various forms, you may find lurking on the desert, in the noxious vapors of the low lands, and stagnant pools from which you may unconciously drink.

Therefore, go not unprepared. Let your horses, mules, oxen, &c., be in a healthy condition. Have your wagons light, well made, and not too heavily loaded. Take only the best quality of provisions. Be sure you have an ample supply of flour, crackers, and well prepared bacen, for at least four months.—Prepare also a judicious supply of groceries and medicines. A good riffe for each man may be necessary, and it should be kept in good order for use at all times. Pistols, unless Celt's or prevolvers similar to his, I would

consider as worthless on this journey. It may not be necessary always to keep a regular guard, but your teams should be attended with unceasing care.

Among the Indians, not only does it become your character as enlightened christians, but your safety in a great measure depends upon your honesty and truth. They are generally suspicious of strangers; therefore, seek rather to lessen this feeling by generous candor, than to confirm it by deceit and murderous threats. In all your intercourse be kind, firm, and fearless, for, by so doing, you impress them with a nobleness of character, which they admire.

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THE MORMON WINTER QUARTERS

Are in Latitude 41 deg., 18 min., 53 sec., on the west bank of the Missouri River. The road from this place to the Papea Creek is smooth but crooked, passing over a continual succession of hills and hollows.

PAPEA CREEK -18\*

Ten feet wide; high steep banks. Some cottonwood timber on its banks. After this the road is crooked and uneven, over high prairie ridges to Elk Horn river.

ELK HORN RIVER .- 9-27

Nine rods wide; three feet deep; current rather swift. If you wish to ford the river, turn to the right when you descend the valley, and in one mile and a half, you will reach the ford. When fording go up stream until you strike a piece of low land on the west side, at which place the wagons can be drawn out. The road is then narrow and crooked until you reach the open prairie.— You are now on the Plains. Five hundred

<sup>\*</sup>The first figures give the distance between this and the last named place, and the second the sum of the whole distance from the Winter Quarters.

miles of level road is now before you. The road is near the Platte river all the way, not too far to turn off to camp in case of necessity. There are two hundred miles without wood, but in that region you can find plenty of "Buffalo Chips," which are a good substitute for fuel. Buffalo and Antelope are numerous west of Grand Island, and continue over three hundred miles.

Small Creek.-9-279

Ten feet wide. There is a good bridge over this creek; but little timber on its banks.

PLATTE RIVER.—111-39
Plenty of timber. In the river opposite to this are many large islands.

SMALL, NARROW LAKE. -31-121

No timber near this lake, but an abundance of grass.

Near this is a number of small lakes, and a few lone cottonwood trees.

ROAD JOINS THE RIVER.—9-521 Here a branch of the river runs around an island, on which is plenty of timber.

INDIAN GRAVE.—71-59%
This is a large mound of earth, about eighty vards north of the road.

SHELL CREEK.—21-621
There is a bridge over this creek, and a few rods below is a ford. Here are plenty of willows and grass. After this, you will probably not find any water for twelve miles.

SMALL LAKE.—53-68
Plenty of water in the Spring but none in Summer.

ROAD JOINS THE RIVER.—6-74
From this you will have four or five miles of heavy sandy road.

Long Lake —1-75

South of the road; some timber near it; a very good camping place.

LAKE.-6-81

Abundance of timber near the lake; good grass and water.

LOUP FORK OF PLATTE. -6-87

Here some ferry the river and follow up the south side. Others take the right hand road and follow up the north side, which must be done unless you ferry the river, for here it is not fordable. I shall describe both routes without recommending either.

Northern Road.—Lake.—9-96

South of the road. Plenty of timber and grass.

LOOKING GLASS CREEK .-- 1-97

Sixteen feet wide; two feet deep. There is a bridge over this creek. Plenty of timber near it.

#### Long Lake.-2-99

South of the road. Some timber on the south bank, but none on the north. Plenty of grass near the lake.

BEAVER RIVER .- 61-1054 Twenty-live feet wide. Plenty of timber and grass on both banks.

PLUM CREEK .- 61-112 Five feet wide. On this creek the old Pawnee Station stands. It is not a good place to camp. It sometimes goes dry.

PIONEER'S FORD .-- 4-116

Here the river is three hundred vards wide, and has a very swift current, which constantly changes the sand bars. It is not so good to cross as at the upper ford.

OLD PAWNEE VILLAGE. -- 1-117

Formerly occupied by the Grand Pawnees and Trapas; but was burned by the Sioux in the Fall of 1846. It is now deserted.

CEDAR CREEK .- 14-1184

Eight rods wide; two feet deep. Some timber and willows on its banks. After this the road runs through tall grass on the low land, and gradually rises to the higher, and in three miles descends to the lower land again, and crosses some deep ravines. In a little over a mile the road leaves the river and turns up a ravine, and in half a mile descends to another ravine. You follow up this road to the

OLD PAWNEE VILLAGE,-104-129 This is on the bank of the Loup Fork, and in 1846 was mostly destroyed by the Sioux, and since then it has been deserted. In half a mile you descend from the bluffs; here you cross a creek twelve feet wide, the banks of which are somewhat soft. You then travel among small bushes until the road again ascends the bluffs. After traveling four miles you turn to the left through the timber where the road strikes the river.

UPPER FORD OF LOUP FORK .-- 7-136

In this river the channels are constantly, changing hence, the wisdom and necessity of having several men go across before you attempt to take the wagons over. If you neglect this precaution, your wagon may be swept from a bar into a deep hole, and serious injury be incurred thereby.

JUNCTION OF NORTH AND SOUTH ROADS.—6-142 Here the road ascends sand bluffs, and for five or six miles passes through deep sand banks.

NOTE.—SKETCH OF THE SOUTH ROAD.

The Loup Fork of the Platte must be ferried at the point where you first reach it; the current is rapid, and the river is over three hundred yards wide and has a very dangerous quicksand bottom, which makes it very difficult to land the wagons on the western bank. On the western bank of the river stands a dense forest of cottonwood trees. The road passes near the river and is very marshy.

ROAD LEAVES THE RIVER.—4-91
Here the road leaves the river to avoid sand ridges, sloughs and ponds, and is very level.

ROAD JOINS THE RIVER .-- 10-101

Here is an abundance of timber and grass. It is a good place to camp. After this the road follows up the Loup Fork from one to five miles distant. Passing over a few sandy ridges and again the

ROAD JOINS THE RIVER .- 12-113

Very good place to camp; timber and grass abundant. After this the road diverges from the river, and passes over rolling prairie and sandy ridges, without water.

JUNCTION OF NORTH AND SOUTH ROADS.-24-137

PRAIRIE CREEK.-18-150

Twelve feet wide. Here is plenty of grass, but no wood. The banks are steep and miry. One mile from this is a channel in which water may sometimes be found. After this the road is very smooth and level.

WOOD RIVER .- 111-1611

Eighteen feet wide and one foot deep; banks steep and soft. Plenty of timber and grass. The lower point of Grand Island is nearly opposite to this place. Fourteen miles from this the road descends to low land, and runs near the timber. Here is a good place to camp without turning off the road. The ground in many places is covered with a crustation formed from alkali.

ROAD JOINS THE RIVER.—36-1971
Plenty of grass but little wood.

Deep, dry Creek.—31-201

No timber; plenty of grass.

Спевк оп Slough.—13-2023

Deep, Dry Creek.—44-208

The head of Grand Island is opposite to this.

Elm Creek.—3-211

Deep banks; plenty of timber and grass.

ROAD LEAVES THE RIVER.—61-2171 Plenty of timber and grass. Good place to camp.

Buffalo Creek.—71-225
The water is deep and the banks very steep.
No wood except willows. The road follows up the creek.

Crossing of Buffalo Creek.—3½-228½
The banks at this ford are high and very steep.

ROAD NEAR THE RIVER.—7½-236
Very good place to camp.

Road Near the River.—6-242
Abundance of Buffalo and short prairie grass.
Timber on an island near by.

Willow Lake.—8-250
South of the road. Plenty of grass; good place to water teams, but no timber for camping purposes.

PTAIL LAKE.—8-258
South of the road. It is long and very crooked. About a mile beyond this the road joins the river and leaves it again.

DEEP, DRY CREEK .- 2-260

ROAD NEAR THE RIVER.—14-274
Here are some sandy bluffs among which the road passes. There is an abundance of grass and timber near the river. After passing this, the road leaves the river and runs near the foot of the bluffs to avoid a deep swamp.

SKUNK CREEK .- 12-286

CROSSING OF SECHE CREEK.—52-2912
The banks are soft but not steep. No timber or willows.

LAKE OR MARSH.-1-2921

Plenty of grass, but no timber within five miles.

Cold Spring.—4-298
This is at the head of the Pawnee Swamp.

Low Sandy Bluffs.—1½-299½

Carrion Creek.—34-303

Ten feet wide. Plenty of grass but no timber.

ROAD JOINS THE RIVER.-4-311
Plenty of timber and grass; good place to camp.

LAST TIMBER FOR 200 MILES.-4-311

You will find no more timber north of the Platte river for two hundred miles, except one lone cedar tree. Your only dependence for fuel will be buffalo chips and drift wood.

WIDE CREEK.—2;-313;
The banks are steep and high. This may sometimes be destitute of water. There was plenty June 11th, 1850.

ROAD NEAR THE RIVER.—12-3142 Near this you may find some willows on an island.

BLACK MUD CREEK.—21-317 Abundance of water and grass.

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ROAD JOINS THE RIVER.—2-319

Good place to camp. After this the road leaves the river and does not join it again until you reach the North Bluff Fork of Platte.

SMALL CREEK.—3½-322% High steep banks, but little water. Abundance of grass.

NORTH BLUFF FORK OF PLATTE.—31-326 Six rods wide; two feet deep; low banks; quicksand bottom. Little or no grass.

SANDY BLUFFS .- 11-3271

The road over these bluffs is very crooked for a distance of four miles, when you descend to low land and follow near the foot of the bluffs, where you will find an abundance of grass.

2D SANDY BLUFFS.—9-3361 On these bluffs the sand is deep and soft.

On these bluffs the sand is deep and soft Bluff Creek.—11-338

This is not a good place to camp; the creek is small, and there is but little grass near it.

3D Sandy Bluffs.—6-344. Among these bluffs the wagons will sink deep in the sand. On the west side are some steep places, but the sand makes the descent easy. In one fourth of a mile you will find a small brook among the bluffs.—
After this the road is good until you descend to low land.

BLUFF SPRING .- 21-3461

Here is a good place to camp; there is an abundance of grass. After this the road keeps near the bluffs to avoid a swamp.

Ретіте Спеек.—1-347<u>1</u>

Good place to camp.

Picaninna Cheek.—11-349
Good spring water; abundance of grass.

Goose Creek.-11-3501

Thirty feet wide. After you cross this you pass over a low range of sand bluffs. In one fourth of a mile you descend to low land, which you will find quite soft.

Spring Creek.—3-351
This is a number of springs at the foot of the bluffs.

Small Creek.—1-352
Abundance of grass; good place to camp.

DUCK WEED CREEK.—1-3521 RATTLESNAKE CREEK.—51-358 Twenty feet wide, one and a half feet deep;

Twenty feet wide, one and a half feet deep swift current. Good place to camp.

SMALL CREEK.—64-3644

SMALL CREEK.—64-3644 SMALL CREEK.—14-366 CROOKED CREEK.—4-3664 CAMP CREEK.—4-3704

There are two creeks here only a few rods

apart. The water is cold, and there is an abundance of grass here.

WOLF CREEK .- 51-376

A short distance beyond this is a steep bluff.

WATCH CREEK.—41-3801

Eight rods wide. After this the road runs near the river to avoid swamps by the bluffs.

Lone Tree —41-384½

This is about three hundred yards south of the road.

CASTLE CREEK.—54-390

Six rods wide, two feet deep; swift current; quicksand bottom. The banks are low.—Good place to camp.

SAND HILL CREEK.—5-395
This is twelve feet wide and very shoal. You can get no more water for eighteen miles.—
The road crosses several dry creeks and sand ridges.

Twenty feet wide; quite shallow. Two miles further you will see high bluffs on the right; by ascending one of these vou can see Chimney Rock to the westward. One mile from this creck there is a small lake, south of the road; here is a good place to camp without turning off the road. After this you cross Cobble Hills, which are steep and difficult.

ROAD JOINS THE RIVER.—81-422

Here is a good place to camp. After this the road is sandy for ten miles.

ANCIENT BLUFF RUINS.—11-4231

There are some bluffs north of the road which resemble the ruins of Castles, Churches, Fortifications, &c.

ROAD JOINS THE RIVER .- 101-434

Good place to camp. Opposite to this, on the south side of the river, is the Convent Rock.

CHIMNEY ROCK .- 23-457

This stands on the south side of the river, and bears the unpoetical description of a haystack with a pole standing in the center of it. After this the upland is somewhat barren, and you will find many prickly pears and artimicia, which continue through most of the remainder of the journey. The road here is some distance from the river.

Scott's Bluffs.—191-4761

These bluffs stand on the south bank of the river, and rise to a great perpendicular height.

Spring Creek.—4-4804

This is south of the road; is ten feet wide, and contains good water. Is a good place to camp.

ROAD NEAR THE RIVER.—121-493
Good place to camp. From this may be seen
the Laramie Peak among the Black Hills.

Timber North of the River.—13½-506½ Here the road is one fourth of a mile from the river and is very sandy.

RAW HIDE CREEK.—51-512

This may sometimes be dry, but the road

passes near the river, where you can find good camping at almost any point.

FORT LARAMIE FORD.-12-523

Fort Laramie is about one mile west from this ford. The river is over three hundred yards wide, has a swift current and is often too deep to ford, in which case you will be compelled to ferry it, or follow up the north side where you will find a very good road. If you cross the river you must keep to the right of the ford and ascend a sloping ridge,

STEEP HILL TO DESCEND.—734—5314
This descent is over rocks and very steep, which makes it dangerous forwagons. Four and a half miles from this you cross a steep ridge; about half way down this ridge is a sudden bend in the road, where great care should be taken to prevent overturning the wagons. Three fourths of a mile from this descent the road diverges in a southwestern direction from the river, and does not join it

WARM SPRING .- 7-5381

again for eighty miles.

This is a large spring of very clear sulphurous water; its temperature is a little below blood heat. The spring is a short distance to the right of the road. From the spring the road ascends a steep bluff.

BITTER CREEK AND COLD SPRING.—10½-549 Here you will find an abundance of timber and grass. BITTER CREEK CROSSING. - 2-5493

This is among the timber. There is not much grass at this place.

DEAD TIMBER CREEK .- 23-551

At this place is an abundance of timber and a laif you pass a small creek, a short distance south of the road, here you will find a good place to camp. Seven and three-fourth miles from this you may find a spring and small creek, but they are not safe to depend on for a camping place, as they may sometimes be dry.

dry.

Horse Creek and Herry's Spring. —15-5664
This is a delightful spot to camp. The spring is a short distance to the right of the road near the timber. After leaving this the road

ascends a very steep bluff.

SMALL CREEK.-41-571

In the next five miles you will cross five small creeks. After which, you ascend a high bluff, the top of which is a succession of ridges.

LA BONTE CREEK .- 13-584

Thirty feet wide; two feet deep. Here you will find plenty of wood and grass. There is also a good place to camp one mile further on.

Branch of La Bonte.-5-589

The banks are steep, and it is sometimes dry.

Very Small Creek. -61-5951
Good place to camp.

A LA PRELE RIVER.—2-604

Good place to camp; current clear and rapid.

Box Elder Creek.—51—6091

Clear water; steep banks. Not much timber on its banks; but little grass.

FOURCH BOISE RIVER.—31-6121
Thirty feet wide, two feet deep. Plenty of

Thirty feet wide, two feet deep. Plenty of grass and timber. After this the road crosses a high ridge.

PLATTE RIVER.—41-617
But little grass or timber.

DEER CREEK.—5-622

Beautiful place to camp. Nice grove in which is a good spring and coal mine. In the creek is an abundance of trout.

ROAD NEAR THE RIVER.—93-6313
Here is a grove of timber in which you can find a good camping place.

SMALL CREEK.—1-6323

The banks of this creek are miry. There is plenty of grass but no wood.

MUDDY CREEK.—23-635 Plenty of timber and grass.

DEEP GULF.—21-6371 SMALL CREEK.—11-639

This is not a very good place to camp.

SMALL BROOK.—1-640

SMALL BROOK.—3-643

There is but little grass here, and no timber.

UPPER PLATTE FORD.—13-6443

Here you will find a good camping place, as

there is plenty of timber and grass. The Ford, however, is very dangerous, the river is over three hundred yards wide, and has a very swift current. If you ford the river, examine the bottom of the river well before going in with the wagons. Ferry your wagons over if possible, as it is much the safest. After crossing the river the road turns south and ascends a long sandy hill. The ascent is gradual, but the descent is very steep, and in some places rocky, and the valley below is very nneven.

MINERAL SPRING .- 121-657

This water has been, and is, perhaps, considered poisonous, but it has no bad qualities unless the teams trample in it, making it muddy, when it is doubtless poisonous.

ROCK AVENUE .- 74-6644

The road here passes between high rocks, forming a kind of avenue for one fourth of a mile.

ALKALI SWAMP. -2-6664

Be exceedingly cautious in passing this, the land is very miry and the water is poison to animals.

SMALL BROOK .- 4-6701

The water is good, but there is not much grass here and no wood.

SULPHUR SPRING .- 11-672

Here you will find plenty of sage and bunch grass; the water is very good. BB

WILLOW SPRINGS .- 3-675

These are several springs of good cold water; here you will also find an abundance of grass and willows. After this you ascend Prospect Hill, from the summit of which you may obtain a pleasant view of the surrounding country.

SMALL CREEK .- 5-680

This is three hundred yards south of the road; is a good camping place, there being plenty of grass and sage.

SMALL CREEK .- 21-6821 Here are plenty of grass and sage.

GREASEWOOD CREEK .- 2-6841

Very little grass; abundance of sage. The road from this to the Sweetwater river is very sandy.

ALKALI LAKES .- 61-691

Here you may gather your Saleratus from a lake north of the road. The ground is miry; the water poisonous.

SWEETWATER RIVER.-5-696

Eight rods wide; two feet deep; swift current; clear cold water. Grass plentiful but no timber. The road strikes the river at the famous Independence Rock, where you will find a good ford.

Devil's Gate.—5½-701½

This is a little north from the road; is a gap through which the river passes, the rocks on each side being over four hundred feet high.

SMALL BROOK .- 1-702

Good water, but no wood; grass plenty. The road runs near the river bank for ten miles after this.

SMALL BROOK.-1-7021

Water and grass, but no wood.

DEEP CREEK. -61-709

Abundance of grass and sage.

ROAD LEAVES THE RIVER -31-7121
After this the road is sandy and passes over a high bluff. The land is barren for seven miles.

Sage Creek.—14-7141

This may sometimes be dry.

GRAVEL BLUFF. -5-7191

Good place to camp.

SMALL CREEK.—13-721

This may sometimes be dry. A few trees stand near, but there is but little grass. After this the road runs near the river for ten miles.

Second Ford. -61-7271

Here you leave the old road, and by fording here you will lessen the distance and save much sandy road. In one will and a half the road turns between high ledges of rocks, where you cross the river twice, but it is easily brided. After this you leave the river and cross a low plain.

FIFTH FORD. -92-737

Here is a good camping place. After this you will not get any good water for sixteen miles,

24 ICY SWAMP .- 6-743

Ice may be found by digging to the depth of two feet. Here you will also find an alkali spring.

SIXTH FORD .- 10-753

Plenty of willows. You will find good grass a short distance above the ford. When you leave this the road crosses a steep bluff. SEVENTH FORD.-5-758

But little grass; plenty of willows.

Eighth Ford .- 1-7581 SMALL BROOK. -31-762

There is a cold spring to the right of the road; good place to camp.

ROAD LEAVES THE RIVER .- 2-764

Good camping place. From this the road winds among some steep ravines, and in two miles crosses some rocky ridges very dangerous to wagons. After this the road crosses a succession of high prairie ridges.

SWAMP AND CREEK .- 54-7694

Here you will find an abundance of grass, but it is not a good camping place; there is no wood, and there is danger that your animals will sink in the swamp. SMALL CREEK .- 13-7713

SMALL CREEK .- 1-7714 STRAWBERRY CREEK .- 2-7734

Good place to camp. Plenty of good water, grass and willows.

ASPEN CREEK.-11-775 This rises in a small grove south of the road.

It is not safe to depend on for water.

BRANCH OF SWEETWATER .- 3-778 Good place to camp; water cold and good; plenty of grass and willows.

WILLOW CREEK .- 21-7801 Plenty of grass, water and willows.

SWEETWATER RIVER .- 49-785

Good place to camp. After traveling about seven miles, and passing between the twin mounds, you will find a good camping place about one-fourth of a mile north of the road on the river.

SOUTH PASS -10-795 This is the dividing ridge between the At-

lantic and Pacific Oceans. Altitude 7,390 feet. Here you enter Oregon. PACIFIC SPRING .- 3-798

At this place you will find an abundance of

good grass, water and sage. PACIFIC CREEK .- 13-7994

The banks are miry. There is an abundance

of grass, but little sage and no wood. After you leave this you will find a very good level road to DRY SANDY .- 91-809

The water, if any, is brackish, and there is

but little grass and no wood. JUNCTION OF THE CALIFORNIA AND SALT LAKE ROADS.

Here take the northern or right hand road. You will find a good road to

LITTLE SANDY .- 6-821

Four rods wide, two feet deep; no timber,

but plenty of willows and sage. There is not much grass at the ford, but you can find plenty a short distance up the river.

Big Sandy.-6-827

Six rods wide, two feet deep. No fuel except wild sage. You can find good grass a short distance above or below the ford. You are now on Sublet's Cut Off. If you arrive in the morning, stop until three or four o'clock in the afternoon before you attempt to cross the Desert that lies between this and Green River, a distance of fifty-three miles, without water. There is some grass on the way, and by proper management you will have no difficulty in taking your teams across in safety. For about twenty-five miles the road is level and good. The remainder of the way is over a succession of ridges, and in some places very steep and rocky. Near the river is an alkali creek; do not allow your oxen to drink this water as it would be eertain death. It is best to avoid this, and travel down the river to the ford, without stopping.

#### GREEN RIVER. -53-880

Two hundred yards wide; water clear and very cold. You will find an abundance of timber on its banks, and on the western bank at the ford is plenty of grass. The ford is very dangerous, as the water is deep and swift, and there are large stones at the bottom of the river.

SMALL CREEK .- 2-882

Good place to camp; abundance of grass and willows. On leaving this you cross a high mountain ridge, over which the road is very steep.

BLACK RIVER.-8-890

Here you will find plenty of grass and willows. The road follows up the river.

BLACK RIVER FORD.-4-894

Thirty feet wide, two feet deep. Abundance of grass and willows on its banks. After this the road crosses a high barren ridge, and follows up a broad valley, among large sage bushes, and again ascends another ridge to a

PINE AND ASPEN GROVE .- 12-906

There is a spring of very cold water in this grove, around which you will find some grass. From this the road crosses two steep and rocky hills.

LARGE SPRING.-4-910

This is in a small aspen grove, and there is but little grass near. After this the road passes over a succession of ridges, in many places very steep. Among these hills are several good springs.

SMALL CREEK.-6-916

No wood; but little grass; doubtful for water.

LARGE CREEK.—6-922

Swift, clear current; plenty of grass and willows. The road now ascends a gradual slope of the Bear River Mountains, which bears an exuberant growth of grass and wild flax.

LARGE SPRING .- 7-929

South of the road; some grass and willows.

Spring and Grove.—6-935

South of the road; grass and willows abundant. From this the road bends to the right to avoid a deep valley, and ascends a high steep mountain.

PINE GROVE.-4-939

This is on the summit of Bear River Mountains, and the descent is very steep. Great care should be taken lest your wagons are dashed in pieces.

Spring Brook.—2-941

Plenty of grass and willows. The road now ascends a steep mountain.

Good Spring.—21-9431 Plenty of sage; but little grass.

Spring and Brook —61-950

Plenty of grass and sage, but no timber.— The road now turns through among the bluffs to Bear River Valley. There is an abundance of grass all the way, but no good water until you reach the river.

Bear River.-4-954

Here you will find plenty of grass, wild flax and willows.

ROAD LEAVES THE RIVER.—3-957
In a short distance you will cross three large and very rapid creeks; then turning to the left around a point of rocks, you again reach

the river. Here you will find plenty of timber and grass.

SMALL CREEK.—7-964

This may sometimes be dry. Near this the road leaves the river.

ROAD JOINS THE RIVER .- 7-971

Here you will find plenty of grass and willows. At this place the road leaves the river and bends to the right.

SMALL SPRING.-4-975

A short distance left of the road; plenty of grass, but no wood.

LARGE CREEK.—3-978

Two rods wide, two feet deep; banks steep and muddy. Plenty of grass and wild sage.

SMALL SPRING .- 31-9811

This is at the foot of the mountain, and is a good place to camp. You now cross a high mountain, the west side of which is very steep and dangerous to wagons.

SPRING VALLEY .- 2-9834

The ground here is marshy, and consequently, although there is pretty good grass, it is not a good camping place.

SMALL CREEK -11-985

Good water; plenty of grass and wild sage. From this the road follows over a very steep mountain.

Bear River.—7-992 Here you will find plenty of grass and large willows.

WILLOW CREEK .- 6-998 Swift, clear current; grass and willows in abundance. This stream abounds in mountain trout.

SMALL BROOK .- 3-1001

TROUT CREEK .- 31-10041 COLD CREEK .- 11-1006

Plenty of grass, but no wood. Here the road is several miles from the river, which runs in a broad verdant valley, between parallel ranges of mountains, whose peaks are in many places covered with snow.

SAGE CREEK. -3-1009 Plenty of grass, willows and sage. MUDDY CREEK .- 31-10121

After crossing this the road turns up a ravine, but is not very steep.

SMALL SPRING .- 21-1015 Very little grass; plenty of sage.

The road now passes among gravely bluffs. SPRING AND GROVE .- 4-1019

On the left of the road. After this the road descends to the river bottom, crossing a succession of dusty ridges, and is in some places very steep.

SMALL BROOK,-4-1023 Doubtful for water; some grass and willows, but not a very good place to camp.

SMALL CREEK .- 2-1025 West of the road. Abundance of grass, willows and currants. There is a large alkali spring near this.

#### LARGE CREEK.-6-1031

Good place to camp. After crossing this creek, about 400 yards to the right of the road, you may find the celebrated Beer Springs, and nearly opposite to this, on the other side of the road, you may find the Soda Springs. FEAMBOAT SERING.—2-1033

This is on the bank of the river, and is so named from its puffing, which resembles that of a Steamboat. The water is somewhat warm, and has a metalic taste.

HEADPATH'S CUT OFF.-5-1038

Here leave the Fort Hall or Oregon road, and follow the south trail, which leads across a grassy plain. This plain is traversed by deep chasms, and a few miles south of the road is the erater of a volcano, which is now extinct.

HIGH MOUNTAIN.-10-1048

The road up the mountain is not very steep. When on the summit take the left hand road.

COLD SPRING.—6-154.

Not much grass; plenty of wood.

CRYSTAL CREEK .- 2-1056

This is a small, swift running stream of clear cold water. Plenty of grass and timber.—
From this the road crosses a high mountain.

SMAL SPRING.—1-1057

After this, for a mile and a half, the road follows down a ravine, and is almost impassable.

LARGE CREEK .- 31-10601

Clear, swift current; abundance of grass and

willows. You will now have a smooth road for several miles, and after crossing a low ridge you follow down the valley of a large creek, where you may find a good camping place by turning a short distance from the road

LARGE CREEK.-63-1067

Delightful place to camp; plenty of grass and large willows. On the banks of this creek grow a great variety of wild currants of superior quality to those commonly cultivated. The road does not cross this, but turns to the left over a steep mountain.

SWAMP RIVER .- 9-1076

No wood and not much grass. The road now follows up the stream, around a deep swamp.

Ford of Swamp Creek.—5-1081

Two rods wide; banks steep and miry; water over two feet deep. After crossing here and turning a little to the right, you will find an abundance of wild millet. From this the road ascends an inclined plain, and then ascends a steep mountain.

Summit of the Mountain.—8-1089
The descent in some places is very steep, but

generally the road is good.

SOAPSTONE SPRINGS.—2-10892

So named from the soft rocks around them. There is not much grass here.

Good water; plenty of grass and willows.

SMALL CREEK.-1-1092

Plenty of grass but no wood. You now ascend a mountain.

SMALL SPRING .- 1-1093}

This is to the left of the road in an aspen grove, and is not a very good place to camp. After this the road follows through a wide gorge in the mountain.

Spring.-4-10974

Plenty of grass but no wood. After this you will find plenty of grass for several miles.

Willow Creek.—3-1100

Good place to camp. Plenty of pure water, good grass and wild flax.

SMALL CREEK.-2-1101

Abundance of grass and flax, but little wood.

CLEAR CREEK.-8-1109

Here you will find a good place to camp; plenty of grass and willows. From this the road crosses a ridge, then up a long winding ravine, and down a steep descent to a broad barren plain.

SMALL SPRING.—18-1127

This is three-fourths of a mile to the left of the road. You will find an abundance of grass and sage near it. After leaving this the road crosses a succession of dusty ridges.

Spring and Creek .- 61-11331

Not much grass but an abundance of wild sage. After this you cross two sage-covered ridges. The road then turns up a ravine. SMALL SPRING.—8-11412
Plenty of wood but not much grass.

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LARGE, COLD SPRING.—3-11441

Plenty of wood; considerable grass. The road now follows down a ravine through tall grass, passing several aspen groves.

Spring.-41-1149

Abundance of wood and grass.

SMALL CREEK.—2-1151

The banks of this creek are miry, which makes it difficult to cross.

SMALL CREEK,—1-1162
Plenty of grass and some willows. The two hast named creeks, with numerous springs, form a stream, down the valley of which the road follows for some distance. This stream abounds with trout, and in the valley is a large growth of grass and wild grain. This is one of the branches of Raft river.

ROAD CROSSES THE CREEK.—9-1161 Here the road leaves the creek and passes over a dry ashy plain.

Some willows but little grass. After crossing this creek you will have to cross two deep sloughs. The road then is on an ashy plain.

Banch or Raft River.—6-11801 Abundance of grass and wild barley. The banks are fringed with tall willows. Here the road crosses the river, which is 30 feet wide and two deep. JUNCTION OF FORT HALL AND CUT OFF ROADS.— 14-1182

WARM SPRING .- 1-1183

This is a sulphur spring, on the summit of a small mound.

SMALL CREEK.—2-1185 MARBLE CREEK.—1-11851 SMALL CREEK.—1-11851

RAFT RIVER CROSSING.—21-11881

Plenty of grass but no wood. After this you ascend a hill, on which grows a large growth of wild sage. Near the summit of the hill you will find several springs to the right of the road, around which is a large growth of grass.

MOUNTAIN CREEK.—7-1195‡
Abundance of grass but no willows. At the head of this creek are many singular looking rock.

SMALL CREEK.—2-1196 SMALL CREEK.—1-1197

Plenty of grass but no wood. In a short distance the road passes through a gap in the mountain.

Spring Brook.—2-1199

The country for some distance is quite barren, and near the road are high pyramids of granite that rise several hundred feet, in the form of spires and columns.

SALT LAKE ROAD.-6-1205 COLD SPRINGS -18-1223

For several miles the road is very crooked, and in places steep and rocky.

SMALL CREEK.—61-12291

Some timber and sage but little grass. After this the road crosses a steep and rocky ridge.

SMALL CREEK .- 41-1234

Abundance of grass but no wood.

GOOSE CREEK .- 2-1236

Plenty of grass and willows. The road follows up the creek and is quite level.

SMALL, COLD SPRING.-1-1237

This is a short distance to the left of the road and is a good camping place.

SMALL BROOK.—1-1238 SMALL BROOK.—11-12391

A short distance from this the road leaves the river and passes over a steep bluff. A good road, however might be had by following the creek.

Hor Springs -61-1246

These are two large springs on the right of the road, and one-fourth of a mile apart.— The water is but little below the boiling temperature.

SMALL CREEK .- 11-12471

Here you will find plenty of grass and willows, and there is a good spring a short distance left of the road.

ENTRANCE OF GOOSE CREEK CANON.—54-1253
Through this canon the road is rocky and
difficult. Rocks, to the height of several
hundred feet, rise up on both sides of the road.

FIRST CROSSING OF GOOSE CREEK.—1-1253

Second Crossing .- 11-12551

LAST CROSSING AND SPRING .- 12-1257

From this the road ascends high barren ridges, destitute of water or grass; the only vegetation consisting of sage and a few isolated cedar trees.

ROCK SPRING.-13-1270

This is a large spring flowing from underneath a large mass of plutonic rocks. You will find some grass here. On the bluffs are some cedars, but none near the spring.

SULPHUR SPRING.-5-1275

The water is cold and very good; there is, however, but little grass near it. After this the road crosses a dry ashy plain.

ALEALI SPRING .- 5-1280

This is in the center of a small marsh; the water is poisonous.

Warm Sulphur Springs.—2-1282 These are a short distance to the right of the road.

DRY CREEK.-3-1285

Here water may be found by digging in the bed of the creek. Abundance of grass but no wood.

Salt Spring.—4-1289
This is a small spring in the bank of the creek.

COLD Spring.—6-1295.

Abundance of grass but no wood.

Hot Springs.—7-1302
This a clustre of very hot springs The water is very clear and has a metalic taste.

SMALL CREEK .- 31-13051

Not much grass. You now follow up this creek to the mountains.

SPRING .- 4-13091 Here you will find some grass and sage .-After this the road crosses the mountain, and in some places is very steep.

FORKS OF THE ROAD .- 21-1312 Here take the right hand road; the distance is not so great and you will find better feed

for your teams. CANON CREEK .- 51-13171

Plenty of grass and sage.

CROSSING OF CANON CREEK .- 11-1319 After this the road passes through a canon and is very rocky; in some places following the bed of the creek.

Hot Spring .- 11-13203

This is a very strong spring of clear water, and lacks but a few degrees of the boiling temperature.

HOT SPRING .- 2-13224

This is at the mouth of the canon, and is surrounded by a luxurious growth of grass .-The creek near by affords a good camping place.

COLD SPRING .- 6-1328 Abundance of grass and sage. The road

now follows down a beautiful valley. HOT SPRING .- 31-1332

Abundance of grass. No fuel except sage,

and that you will have to convey some distance. There are some ponds of good water near the spring.

FIRST BRANCH OF MARY'S RIVER .- 5-1337

Plenty of grass and willows. For several miles down this stream there is an abundance of grass and wild clover. At any point you

will find a good place to camp.

SECOND BRANCH OF MARY'S RIVER .- 91-13461 Twenty feet wide, one foot deep. It is not good to cross on account of its banks being steep and miry. On each bank is a large growth of grass and willows. If the river is not very high you may find a good road near its margin, otherwise your road will be on a high ashy plain, destitute of vegetation, with the exception of greasewood and wild sage. The river here abounds with the finest salmon. ROAD JOINS THE RIVER .- 12-13584

Plenty of grass and willows. After this the road lies from one to two miles distant from the river, and although it is on a dusty, barren plain, you can find a good camping place at any point by turning a short distance from the road.

ROAD JOINS THE RIVER .- 10-13684 Here you will find a good camping place among tall willows and grass. The grass continues several miles, after which you again reach the ashy soil and wild sage.

NORTH FORK OF MARY'S RIVER .- 9-13774 The water is clear but not very cold. Abundance of grass and willows. From this the road crosses a sandy ridge.

ROAD JOINS THE RIVER .- 18-1379

Here you will find but little grass on the north side of the river; on the opposite side, however, you will find an abundance of grass and large willows. From this the road crosses a sandy ridge, and the river passes through a canon.

ROAD JOINS THE RIVER .- 2-1381

At this place is an abundance of grass and willows.

SANDY BLUFFS .- 1-1382

The road across these bluffs is not steep, but the sand being deep makes the wagons draw very heavy.

ROAD JOINS THE RIVER .- 21-13841

Plenty of grass and willows. The road follows near the river for some distance, and you may find plenty of grass and willows at any point by turning a little from the road.

Hot Springs.—14-13983
These are on the south side of the river.—

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There are several large springs so hot they
will cook meat in a few minutes.

FORKS OF THE ROAD.—8-14061

The right hand road passes over sand ridges, a great distance without water or grass, but if the river is high it must be taken. The left hand road crosses the river and passes through a canon. FIRST FORD OF MARY'S RIVER, AND JUNCTION OF THE SOUTHERN S. L. ROAD.—1-1407;

The river is eight rods wide, two feet deep, and as the current is not swift it is easily ford-ded. A short distance below the ford you will find a good camping place.

SECOND FORD .- 21-1310

Going into the river you descend a steep bank, but as the bottom is hard and gravely it is not bad to cross. Here you enter a deep canon; high rocky bluffs tower many hundred feet above the road and river.

This is a good ford; the banks are low. For about a mile the road is narrow and rocky.

FOURTH FORD.—2-1415
Here the river is shallow and the banks low.
From this the road crosses a dusty plain.

GRAVEL RIDGE.-3-1418

ROAD JOINS THE RIVER.—21-14201 Here is a good camping place; abundance of grass and willows.

SMALL CREEK.—11-1422

You will not find any grass, but there is plenty of sage and willows.

SMALL CREEK.—3-1425

Very little grass; a large growth of sage.

These are a number of small springs that come out of the bank of the river; some of them are under the water. You will find good grass on both sides of the river. Ashr Bluffs.—13-14291 Here the road ascends bluffs that are barren, and have a burnt appearance.

SMALL SPRING.—7-14361

This spring is half a mile south of the road. It is surrounded with a large growth of sage but no grass. After this the road crosses two high ridges, but they are not very steep.

SMALL SPRING.-41-1441

No grass; plenty of sage. In a short distance you will find several good springs, but there is but little grass or willows near them.

DRY CANON. -- 5-1446

Through this the road is very rocky and dangerous to wagons. After emerging from the canon the road follows along a hill side, then down a valley to the river.

ROAD JOINS THE RIVER.—10-1456
Plenty of willows, but not much grass.

FIFTH FORD.

Low banks; good ford. From this the road crosses a grassy plain.

ROAD JOINS THE RIVER.—5-1461
Abundance of grass and willows. After this

the road crosses a plain covered with tall grass.

Tall willows; not much grass. After this the road crosses a low sandy ridge.

Sixili and Last Ford.—2-1471

The banks are steep, and it is somewhat dif-

ficult to ford. After this great care should be taken to notice each place; there is such a sameness in the road and looks of the country it may be difficult to keep trace of each place mentioned, which is very important to the traveler. After fording here you will find plenty of grass on the bank of the river, although the road often crosses plains totally destitute of vegetation.

ROCKY BLUFF .- 24-1495

This is a high bluff that terminates abruptly near the river. Opposite to this, on the bank of the river, you will find plenty of grass and willows. After this the road follows near the river for some distance.

ASHY RIDGE .- 21-1115

Here the road leaves the river and crosses a low ashy ridge.

ASH MOUND.—1-1517

This is a small round hill that seems to be composed of ashes. On the side toward the river are several alkali springs. It is but a short distance from the river, where you will inid an exuberant growth of grass and willows. Here are several roads, some of them lead across the plain a great distance from the river. If the water is not too high, your best road is along the river, for here you will escape the dust, which is very oppressive out on the plains. There is scarcely a place along the river where you will not find an abun-

dance of grass and willows, while a short distance back the country opens into a perfect desert, seemingly composed of ashes, and bearing only greasewood and sage.

ROAD LEAVES THE RIVER.—19-1536 Here the river turns to the left. Not much

grass; some willows.

SANDY BLUFFS.—2-1538
Among these the road is smooth and not very

steep.

ROAD JOINS THE RIVER.—7-1545
Abundance of grass and willows, which con-

tinue along the river for eight miles.

OW SANDY RIDGE.—8-1553 Brant Marsh.—4-1557

The water is pretty good, but there is no wood and but little grass.

Sudden bend in the Road.—5-1562 Here the road goes around a marsh, crosses some bluffs, and again reaches the river.

ROAD JOINS THE RIVER.—6-1568
Plenty of grass and willows. After this the road goes near the river, and you will find an abundance of grass at any place on its bank.

Low Sandy Ridges.—7-1575 After you enter among these ridges you will have no water or grass without turning from the road.

Road joins the River.—12-1587 Here you will find but little grass or willows.

The road joins the river at short intervals, but you will not find any good camping place while the road continues in the sand.

HIGH BANKS .- 9-1596

Here the banks of the river for several miles are about one hundred feet high, composed of clay, and almost perpendicular. After this the road follows on the high land, which is covered with greasewood and sage.

HIGH BANKS .- 8-1604

ROAD DESCENDS TO THE RIVER.—2½-1606½ Abundance of grass and willows. After this the road crosses a dry dusty plain, destitute of grass or water.

ROAD JOINS THE RIVER.—15-16211 Plenty of willows, not much grass. From this the road crosses low sandy ridges.

ROAD JOINS THE RIVER.—41-1626
Plenty of grass and willows. The road now follows along the river bank.

High Banks.-5-1631

From these the road crosses an ashy plain, covered with a large growth of greasewood.

ROAD JOINS THE RIVER -8-1639

Not much grass, plenty of willows. After this the road crosses a plain on which you may find some small grass.

ROAD JOINS THE RIVER.—5-1644
Here you will find some saltish grass and a
few willows. After this the road crosses an
ashy plain devoid of all kinds of vegetation.

The road is several miles from the river, the banks of which are high and steep, and the bottom being very narrow affords but little grass.

DEEP, DRY RAVINE .- 10-1654

This is a kind of valley, about two miles from the river. DUGWAY .- 7-1661

Here the road goes down a steep bank, then crosses a ridge and follows down a ravine to the river.

ROAD JOINS THE RIVER .- 3-1664

Here you will find but little grass or willows. The road leaves the river and ascends to the high land.

ROAD JOINS THE RIVER .- 16-1680

The road comes within a short distance of the river. It is a good place to camp, as on the low land there is an abundance of grass and wilows.

Turf Bog .- 9-1689

This is generally dry, but may be sometimes covered with water SLOUGH AND SPRING .- 5-1694

Here you will find several springs; some are

impregnated with alkali and salt, but there is one that is pure and cold. This is the last good water you will find until you reach Truckie's River. Here fill your canteens for drinking.

HUMBOLDT'S FALLS .- 6-1700 The road does not go quite to these but turns down the side of the marsh. This is the upper extremity of the Sink.

BIG MEADOWS .- 8-1708

Here prepare some hay to feed your teams while crossing the desert. This is the last good grass you will have this side of the desert.

HUMBOLDT'S LAKE .- 9-1717

There is no grass near this lake, but on the north side there is an abundance of wild sugarcane, that cattle will eat as well as grass.

OUTLET OF HUMBOLDT'S LAKE.—12-1798.

Here you cross a low ridge.

Humboldt's Marsh.-2-1731

You must follow on the right of this, taking

the best road you can find, for the marsh is at times much higher than at others, and consequently there can be no regular road.

SULPHUR WELLS .-- 11-1742

These are at times covered with the water of the last slough, which lies between two low sand ridges. Here you start on the famous Desert; the first part of the road is uneven and rocky.

Hot Springs .- 20-1762

These are several large springs of boiling water, that sometimes rise to the height of 15 fest. This water when cooled is not very good. From this to Truckie's river the road is smooth and level, with the exception of the last eight unles, where the road crosses a ridge and is very sandy. TRUCKIE'S RIVER .- 25-1787

Eight rods wide, three feet deep; clear, rapid current. Here cross the river and you will find an abundance of grass and timber. This is about five miles above Pyramid Lake.— After you leave this the road is sandy and barren for two or three miles.

SECOND FORD.-5-1792

Here the current is very rapid, and great care should be taken that your wagon is not overturned by the force of the water.

Third Ford.—11-17931

Here the ford is just above a ripple. The bottom of the river is covered with large angular rocks, which renders fording very dangerous. Care should be taken on account of the great swiftness of the current.

FORTH FORTH FORD—1-17941

This is a pretty good ford; the current is not very swift.

Fifth Ford.—1-1795‡ Swift current, but not very difficult.

Sixth Ford.—11-17961

Swift current; dangerous to ford. SEVENTH FORD.—13-1798

This is a dangerous ford on account of the large rocks in the bottom of the river. One mile from this the road goes around the point of a mountain, which is very steep and rocky.

ROAD TURNS UP A RAVINE.—4-1802
The road is good, with the exception of a steep place near the summit.

SUMMIT OF THE RIDGE.—11-18031
From this you may see the snowy peaks of the Sierra Nevada.

Road Joins the River.—11-1805

Abundance of grass and willows.

ROAD LEAVES THE RIVER...-7-1812 Here the road turns up a ravine and crosses a high ridge.

SUMMIT OF THE RIDGE.—3-1815
The descent from this ridge is so steep as to be almost impassable for wagons.

ROAD JOINS THE RIVER.—2-1817 Some timber, but not much grass.

The descent to the ford is steep and rocky; swift current, but not very deep. For some distance after crossing here the road is very narrow.

Meadow Creek.—3-1822
Here you reach the Big Meadows, a large tract of country covered with grass of the best quality. Near the upper extremity of the plain the road passes through tall sage, then over a sloping ridge, on which are many fields of wild onions. The road from the summit of this ridge to the river is very rough.

ROAD JOINS THE RIVER.—21-1843 Plenty of timber, but not much grass. Near this is a dry creek, at the head of which may be found great quantities of alum.

SMALL BROOK .- 2-1845

NINTH FORD. -1-18451

Swift current, very difficult to ford. There is plenty of grass and sage near this crossing.

TENTH FORD. -3-1848

Here there are large rocks in the bottom of the river, which, with the swift current, makes it very dangerous to wagons. After this the road passes over a low ridge, apparently composed of large round boulders.

ELEVENTH FORD. -8-18561

This is a good ford, although the north bank is quite steep. Plenty of grass and pine timber. Here the "Pine Region" commences, and continues west to the valley of the Sacramento River.

Steep Bank.—1-1857 After you ascend this the road is very good.

Spring right of the Road.-3-18573

Deep, dry Creek.—11-1859
After this the road passes over three ridges, in some places very steep, and crosses a small spring brook.

You follow up this ravine to the summit of

the ridge. In some places the road is very stony.

At the foot of this there is a small creek and marsh, and an abundance of grass and timber. After leaving here you ascend a mountain.

SUMMIT OF THE MOUNTAIN.—3-1865
The descent is somewhat steep. You cross several low ridges, on which is plenty of timber but little grass.

LARGE CREEK.-5-1870

Plenty of grass and timber. On leaving this you ascend a stony ridge.

MARSH VALLEY. -51-18751

Good place to camp; abundance of wood, water and grass.

LARGE CREEK.—6-1881

Plenty of grass and willows. After leaving

this the road is level, with the exception of the descent into the next valley, which is very steep.

ROCK VALLEY.-5-18861

You follow up this valley a short distance, then turn to the right up a ravine, and again strike the valley near

Donner's Cabin.-31-1890

This is one of the cabins built by that ill-fated party, who, being overtaken by the snow on the mountains, nearly all perished by cold and starvation. The remainder of the cabins were built about a mile above this at Truckie's Lake, but they were nearly all burned by order of Gen. Kearney.

LAST CROSSING OF TRUCKIE'S RIVER.—1-1891 This is near Truckie's Lake. It is a delightful place to camp. There is plenty of grass and large pine timber. From this the road ascends by a gorge in the mountain. There are several springs on the way, and in some places good grass. Near the summit are two steep places, on which you will likely have to double teams.

Pass of the Sierra Nevada.—7-1898 Here the road bends to the left to descend; it is very crooked, steep and rocky, and passes among large pine and fir trees.

YUBA VALLEY.--4-1902

This is a small prairie covered with a luxuriant growth of grass and clover, and surrounded with large pine trees. There is a small stream of clear, cold water running through it, which is the head of the South Fork of the Yuba River. The road after leaving this valley passes over large granite rocks.

SMALL LAKE.—6-1908
This is not a good place to camp. Although
the water is good and an abundance of timber, there is no grass here. After this you
pass five other lakes; there is but little grass
at any of them; the road is very rocky.

SMALL VALLEY.-14-1922

This is very narrow, and is almost filled with large granite rocks. There is a stream of very clear water running through it, but there is, however, but little grass.

FIRST CROSSING OF THE CREEK.—1-19221
After this the road is almost impassable for

wagons. You will probably have to swing them down over the high rocks with ropes.

SECOND CROSSING OF THE CREEK .-- 6-1928 The road continues very rocky, and ascends a high mountain.

POND ON THE MOUNTAIN .- 4-19324

This is on the summit, and as the road descends it is not so steep or rocky as was the ascent.

SMALL PRAIRIE.-6-19381

Here you will find an abundance of grass and clover. The road for a short distance is level, and then ascends a ridge. The ascent is not difficult, but you must use the utmost caution in descending, or your wagons will be dashed in pieces.

BEAR VALLEY .- 21-1941

This is a small fertile valley, through which runs a stream of pure, cold water. At the base of the mountains grow large pine and cedar trees. You are now in the Gold Region. This valley has produced some of the richest of the California Mines. On leaving the valley for Nevada City, you ascend a high mountain, and when on the summit you will find a good level road to

COLD SPRING .- 15-1956

Here you will find a Hotel with all the necessary accommodations. Be cautious, however, that your teams do not eat of the poison oak, which grows here in abundance.

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Nevada City.—15-1971
This is a large town on Deer Creek, a small tributary of Yuba, and in the midst of a very rich mining country.





